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THE CANDIDATE WILL ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

RUMFORD STREET SCHOOL - - - - - TUESDAY, APRIL 25th

DALMARNOCK SCHOOL (Albany Street) - THURSDAY, APRIL 27th

Both Meetings at 8 p.m.

BRIDGETON PUBLIC HALL (Lesser) - SUNDAY, APRIL 30th, 7 p.m.

FINAL RALLIES

MONDAY, 1st MAY

QUEEN MARY STREET SCHOOL
at 8 p.m.

BRIDGETON CROSS
at 8 p.m.

MARCH ON MAY DAY

JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY CONTINGENT
at Cochrane Street - Montrose Street at 1.30 p.m.
ON SUNDAY, MAY 7th
MARCH TO QUEEN'S PARK RECREATION GROUNDS

Speaker - - - - WILLIAM GALLACHER

POLLING DAY - TUESDAY, 2nd MAY
ALL OVER 21 YEARS OLD ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE

Pass this address on to other members of the household

ON TUES., MAY 2nd, VOTE THUS:

Savage, HUGH - -	X

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, MAY 2nd, 1950

DALMARNOCK (3rd) WARD

Candidature of

HUGH SAVAGE

(Communist Candidate)

To the Electors of Dalmarnock Ward

Dear Friend,

The Bridgeton Branch of the Communist Party has nominated me as candidate for the Dalmarnock Ward in the forthcoming Municipal Election.

I have been pleased to accept this nomination, because, as secretary of the Bridgeton Housing Association, I have long felt the need for a real active councillor prepared to fight on the problems affecting the people, especially housing.

At my meetings I will deal more extensively with the policy outlined in this address, and will be pleased during the course of the campaign to meet any electors to discuss with them the problems as they affect the Ward.

I have a record of consistent activity in the working class movement, having been shop steward in numerous building sites, and shipyards, including John Brown's.

I was born in the Ward and I know the nature of the problems confronting the workers in Dalmarnock. Apart from my responsibilities in the Housing Association, I am a member of Calton Ward Committee, Vice-President of the East Branch of the Plumbing Trades Union, delegate from my Union to the Glasgow Trades Council, and had the pleasure of serving on the Executive of that body for a number of years.

As a building trade worker, I confidently ask for your support, as I feel that more industrial workers are needed in the Council.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH SAVAGE

THROW OUT THE FAKE TORY MAJORITY IN THE CORPORATION

The Glasgow Tories, by a political trick, usurped power in the Glasgow Corporation after the 1949 Municipal Elections, although a majority of the electors voted against them. Since then they have shown themselves openly as the spokesmen of the landlord and business interests of Glasgow. They are most energetic in carrying out the Government's economy drive on the Social services. They have misused their privileges as Magistrates to try and silence their political opponents. Previous Labour majorities, by their compromising policies have helped the Tories to regain strength. Nevertheless it is in the interests of all Glasgow workers to throw out the FAKE TORY MAJORITY at this election.

VOTE COMMUNIST

As one of thirteen Communist candidates in Glasgow, I ask you to consider the following policy and programme and vote for me on Tuesday May 2nd. I am the only candidate who is fighting wage-freezing and the higher cost of living; I am resolutely opposed to the economy cuts in Housing, Health and Education; I support all measures that will increase the income of the working class at the expense of profits.

VOTE FOR PEACE AND HOMES

Nearly £800 millions are being spent on war and the preparation of war. To keep up this huge expenditure we have to economise in children's education, and at the expense of the homeless and overcrowded. Money is found by cutting subsidies, thus sending up food prices. A terrible war is raging in Malaya against people who were our staunch Allies in the recent world war. We maintain costly armies in the Middle East and Far East, and to justify this expenditure we are asked to treat the Russians as enemies and the Germans as friends. The Americans propose to use our young men as cannon fodder while they supply the arms. The American and British millionaires want war—the people of all countries want peace. **Vote against the policy of guns before homes.**

BAN THE ATOM BOMB

The Tories and Right Wing Labour support the American policy of threatening Russia and the workers of Europe with the atom and hydrogen bombs. By demanding the banning of the atom bomb and having proper international control and inspection organised through the United Nations, the cold war could be ended, and trade opened up on a big scale with the Soviet Union, China and the East European States—to our mutual advantage. **Lasting peace would allow us to build homes, schools and hospitals instead of weapons of mass destruction.**

FIGHT FOR THIS PROGRAMME

1. **Top priority for house-building; the ending of all forms of luxury building and renovation; a special subsidy for slum clearance.**
2. **Opposition to high rents (or any proposal to increase rents) and high electricity charges or increased transport charges.**
3. **The requisitioning of all empty houses and excess accommodation in large houses and hotels to house the homeless, the occupier of insanitary houses and the overcrowded. Stop the sale of tenement dwellings.**
4. **Immediate measures to remove all T.B. victims from congested homes and areas to suitable accommodation where they can recover their health.**
5. **The Corporation to give special care to the old folk by providing halls free, organising clubs and reading rooms in the neighbourhood, and building houses suited to old age pensioners. I fully support the just demand of £2 per week for every old age pensioner.**
6. **The Educational question to be the subject of immediate action by the Glasgow Corporation so that adequate school accommodation be provided to ensure the continued and complete education of the children.**
7. **The ending of the Tory magistrates' ban on Corporation Halls and the full right of all working class organisations to free speech in the City.**
8. **At all times to fight for peace; the saving on war expenditure to be used to improve our living conditions.**

HOUSING MUST BE PRIORITY

I place the building of homes before the manufacture of war weapons and the squandering of labour and materials on luxury building and renovation of hotels, restaurants and palaces. One hundred thousand families in Glasgow are waiting for new houses—after five years of peace. I will press for priority in housebuilding, with special legislation for slum clearance so that the slums can be demolished and houses built at reasonable rents. The sale of tenement houses should be prohibited.

RENTS ARE TOO HIGH

It is now official Government policy to allocate new Corporation houses, not on the basis of NEED, but on ABILITY TO PAY the high rents. Some families are moving from new houses back into slums. Others are refusing offers of new houses because of high rents. Bring down the high profits in the building trade and high interest charges and rents will fall! I oppose high rents and will fight against any attempt to raise rents of privately owned houses.

SLUMS BREED TUBERCULOSIS

The Glasgow medical authorities are handicapped in combating the scourge of T.B. and other diseases by the Tory and Right-Wing Labour policy of restricting expenditure on social services, especially on housing. Tuberculosis attacks our young people particularly. I want to see nursing conditions so improved that all unused beds can be occupied by patients needing them. High rents should not be an obstacle to removing patients from the slums.

Emergency measures, such as can be done in a smallpox outbreak, must be put into operation to tackle the menace of tuberculosis.

EDUCATION — A PUBLIC SCANDAL

The Government's economy drive is having a disastrous effect on the education of our children. The whole of the teaching profession are against the cuts in education. Twenty-seven new schools are needed in Glasgow now. Schools condemned fourteen years ago are still being used. Children, including infants, are having to travel far from home to school—some for part-time education. The school leaving age, which was to bring benefit to working class children, is now in danger. Part-time education is likely to spread. **The economy cuts must be cancelled in the interests of the safety and future of our children.**

MAKE PROPERTY OWNERS PAY

If the De-Rating Act of 1929 was repealed, industrial firms in Glasgow would have to pay the 75 per cent of the rates they are now excused. Owners of property are also excused certain rates like Police and Cleansing. Business and industrial interests in Glasgow are the main supporters of the Tories. I would advocate that they pay their full share of Rates and reduce the burden on working class tenants.

SOCIAL AMENITIES

Tory and Government policy of economising at the expense of the workers has struck very hard at residents in new housing schemes who are deprived of good shopping facilities, schools, access to entertainment, and adequate cheap transport. Young people are in need of more playing fields and facilities for recreation. I would fight in the Corporation to remedy these things.

FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE

In view of misrepresentations usually made against Communists, I wish to state that I will defend the right of everyone to practise the religion of their own choosing. Religion should be kept separate from the affairs of the State. Unity of the working class for social advance can be built regardless of creed.

WORK AND WAGES

Concern is widespread in the workshops and yards over the continuing dismissals of men. Glasgow Corporation should support the Shop Stewards in their efforts to prevent mass unemployment — by the nationalisation of shipbuilding and other measures. I will fight for this. I also support the demand of the engineering and shipyard workers for £1 increase in wages to come out of profits—as well as the demands of other Trades Unionists for increased wages and salaries. I would also press for equal pay for equal work to be the policy of the Corporation in all departments.

FOR WORKING-CLASS ADVANCE - - VOTE COMMUNIST!